



# Suspension of Senior Project as a Graduation Requirement

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# BP 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements

1. 40 Credits in English
2. 20 Credits in Math
3. 20 Credits in Science
4. 40 Credits in Social Studies
5. 10 Credits in Visual or Performing Arts
6. 20 Credits in PE
7. 10 Credits in World Languages
8. 65 Credits in Electives
9. Proficiency in Technology Literacy
10. Complete a Service Learning Project or Senior Project

# Senior Project Requirements

Each High School has the autonomy to set the parameters for the senior project graduation requirement. However, the following requirements are common:

- Choosing a topic within a field of career interest
- Both a practical and research aspect
- Engaging with a mentor
- Practical application/internship
- Community service hours
- A Defense of Learning, judged by a panel of community members and staff

# Conditions in the Pandemic

- Increased stress for both students and staff
- Disproportionate hardship for students and families
- Students are unable to conduct community service or internships
- Limited ability for both students and staff to meet other regular expectations of the Senior Project, such as a Defense of Learning

We cannot allow our students to fail to graduate due to an inability to complete the Senior Project.

*Every system is perfectly designed  
to get the results that it gets*

### **SCUSD CORE VALUE**

We recognize that our system is inequitable by design and we vigilantly work to confront and interrupt inequities that exist to level the playing field and provide opportunities for everyone to learn, grow and reach their greatness.

### **SCUSD GUIDING PRINCIPLE**

All students are given  
an equal opportunity to graduate  
with the greatest number of postsecondary choices  
from the widest array of options

# Next Steps

## Communication Plan

- High school principals, teachers, students and families

# Recommendation

To temporarily suspend the senior project as a graduation requirement for the 2020-21 school year

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